Remarks

The forgoing amendments to the specification are sought to add sequence identifiers to the specification, to enter the sequence listing for the application into the appropriate location in the specification, to provide appropriate descriptions in the figure legends to correspond with the figures, and to correct inadvertent typographical errors in the specification. Applicants submit that the ordinarily skilled artisan would readily recognize that these typographical errors were clearly inadvertent. Therefore, these amendments introduce no new matter.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, the sequence listing sought to be entered by the foregoing amendments contains no new matter, and the paper and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing attached hereto are the same.

By the forgoing amendments, claims 3, 5-9, and 12-14 are sought to be amended, and new claims 15-23 are sought to be added. Support for these amendments can be found in the original claims as filed, and throughout the specification. The forgoing amendments to the claims are sought to remove the multiple dependencies of the claims as originally filed, and to correct inadvertent typographical errors in claims 9 and 13. Therefore, these amendments add no new matter, and their entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor and/or any additional fees necessary for entry and consideration of

the foregoing (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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